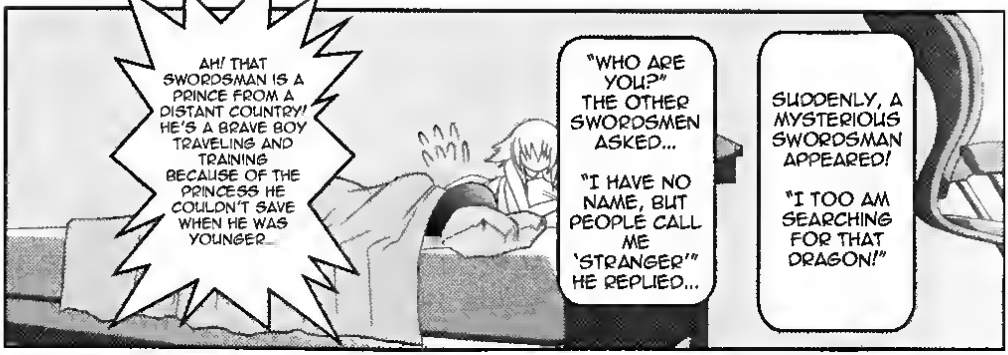
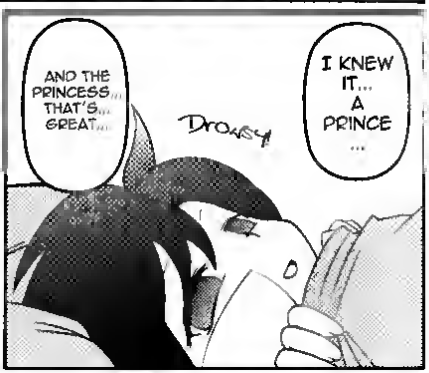

AH! THAT SWORDSMAN IS A PRINCE FROM A DISTANT COUNTRY! HE'S A BRAVE BOY TRAVELING AND TRAINING BECAUSE OF THE PRINCESS HE COULDN'T SAVE WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER...
"WHO ARE YOU?" THE OTHER SWORDSMEN ASKED...
"I HAVE NO NAME, BUT PEOPLE CALL ME 'STRANGER'" HE REPLIED...
SUDDENLY, A MYSTERIOUS SWORDSMAN APPEARED!
"I TOO AM SEARCHING FOR THAT DRAGON!"

THEN THE PRINCESS'S SWORDSMEN SURROUNDED HIM...
"A TRAMP LIKE YOU IS UNFIT TO ASSOCIATE WITH OUR PRIN-..."
BUT THEN THEY RECOGNIZED THE MAN'S FACE AND WERE SURPRISED
"AH! M'LORD!!"

THIS IS GREAT! WHAT'S! NEXT?! WHAT'S NEXT?!
IS THAT HOW IT IS? I DON'T KNOW...

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS AN ORIGINAL STORY, HE SURE ATE IT UP. I'M GLAD.
HE FINALLY DOZED OFF...


AND THE PRINCESS... THAT'S... GREAT...
Drowsy
I KNEW IT... A PRINCE ...

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4 AM ...

MORNING ALREADY
UGH ...
TOO CLOSE !!!
CHAPTER 9 - A NEW MORNING

PLEASE DON'T WAKE UP... PLEASE DON'T WAKE UP...
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!
IT TOTALLY LOOKS LIKE I'M TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HIM NOW!
WHY THE HELL AM I DOING THIS KIND OF THING EVERY NIGHT?!!

IF I MAKE A BUNCH OF NOISE AND WAKE HIM UP IT'LL BE BAD, NO, WORSE, A DISASTER! KNOWING YAYOI-CHAN, HE'D SAY SOMETHING LIKE "TAKE RESPONSIBLITY!" AND PUT ME IN ALL SORTS OF WEIRD SITUATIONS!!
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CALM THE HECK DOWN!
CALM DOWN!!
WAIT!!!
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AND YAYOI-CHAN NEVER WAKES UP EITHER…
FIRST OF ALL HOW DO I WIND UP IN THIS POSTURE?
CUTE…

IT'S SO EASY TO FORGET HE'S A BOY...
LOOKING AT HIM AGAIN, YAYOI IS REALLY CUTE...
HIS SKIN IS SO SMOOTH ...
HIS HIPS ARE WIDE AND CURVED ...
ON TOP OF THAT ...
AND HE HAS A NICE, ROUND BUTT...

THE FEEL OF HIS BREASTS IS COMPARABLE TO MY OWN...
NO... EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE ALMOST NON-EXISTANT, TOUCHING THEM IS LIKE A DEVILISH FEELING OF IMMORALITY.
IT'S AS IF...

DID I REALLY SEE WHAT I THOUGHT I SAW THAT TIME IN THE SHOWER?
IS THIS REALLY A BOY?

HOW DO I SAY IT...
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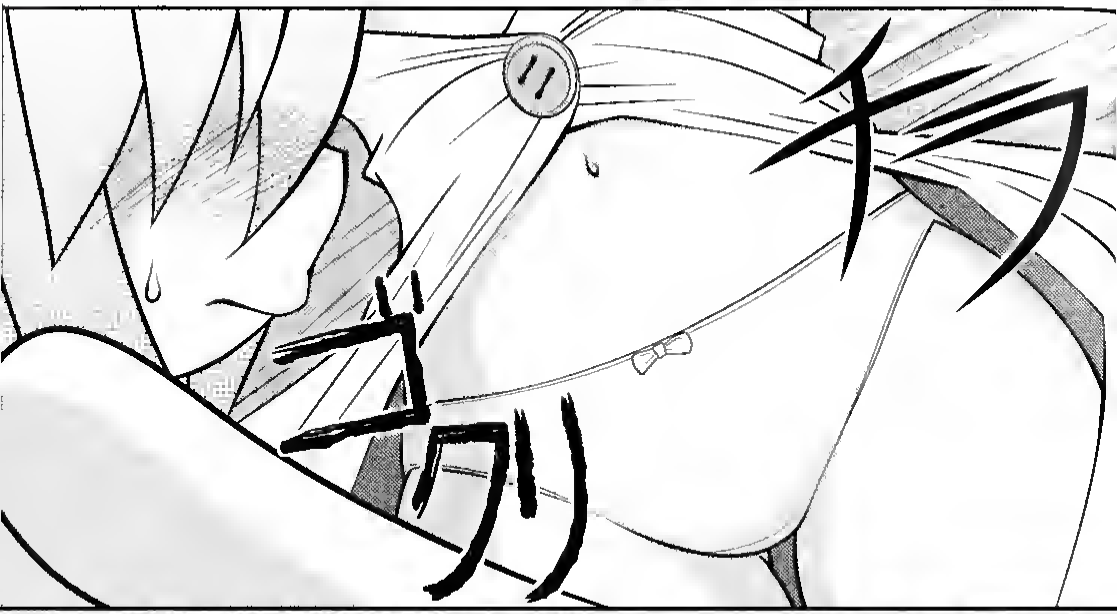
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WHAT THE HECK AM I THINKING?!

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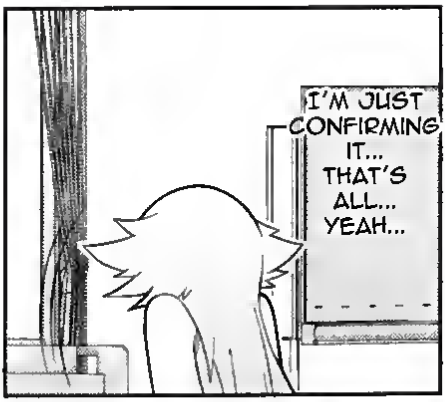
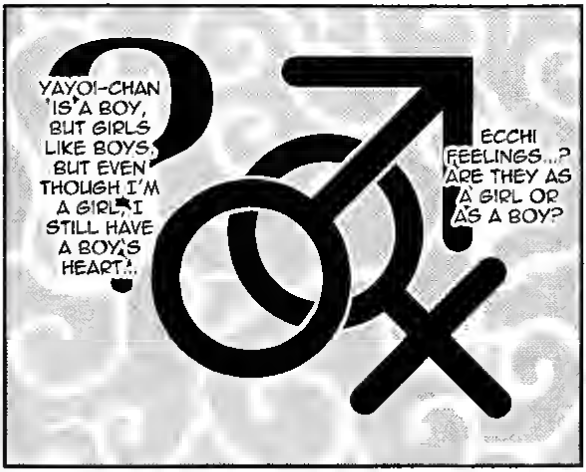
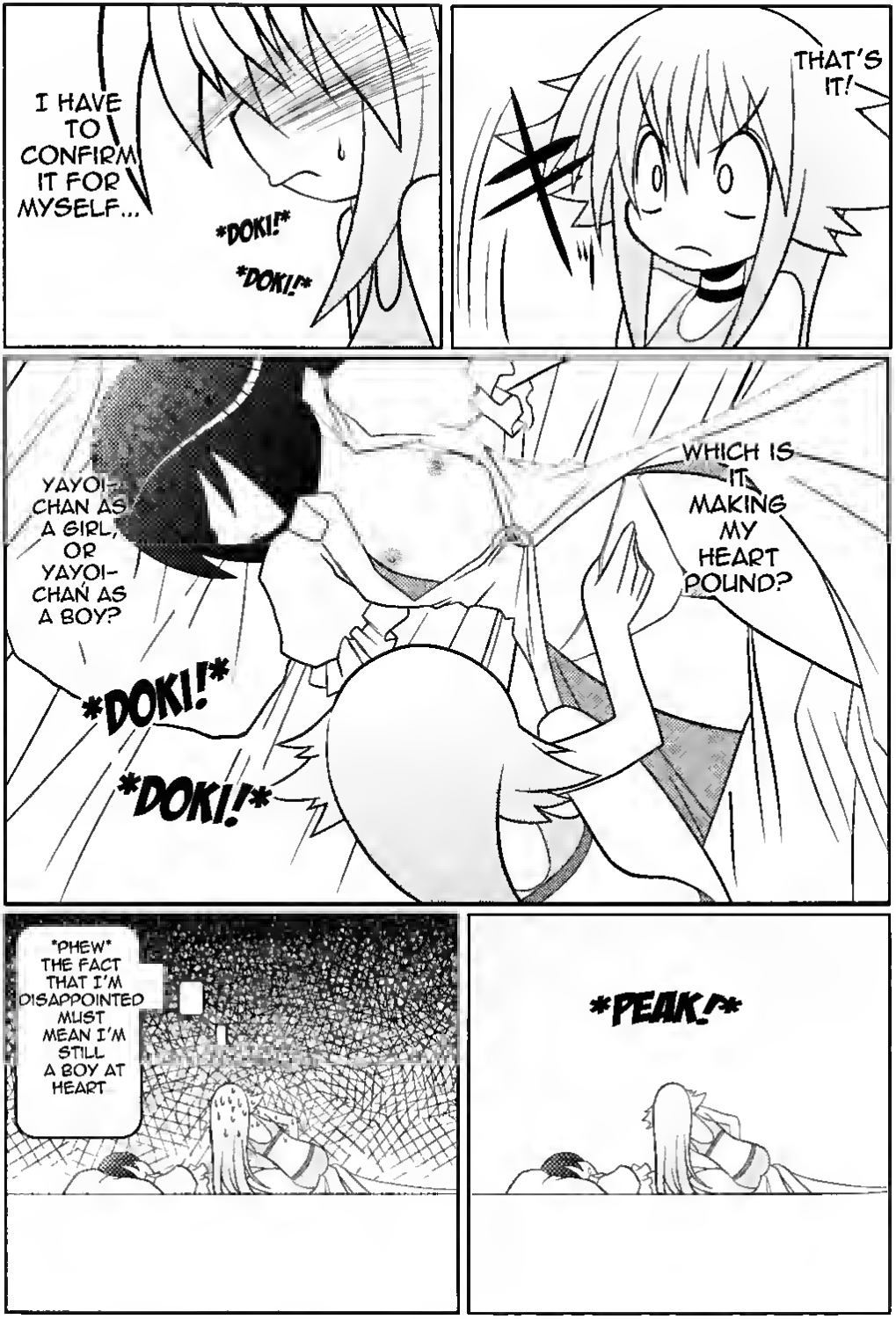
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO LOOK BECAUSE OF ECCHI FEELINGS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT...
I'M JUST CONFIRMING WHETHER OR NOT YAYOI-CHAN IS REALLY A BOY!

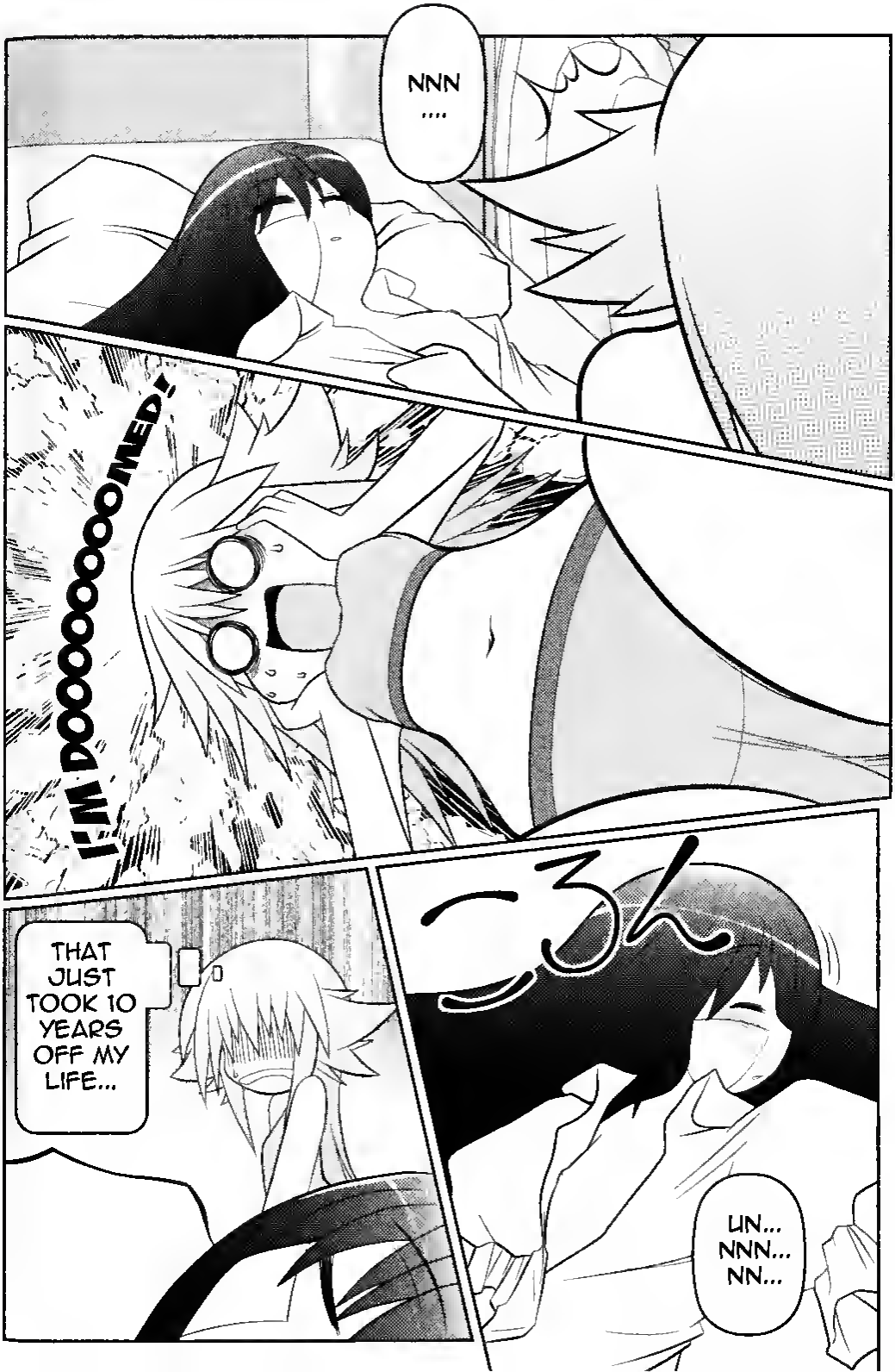

I'M JUST CONFIRMING IT... THAT'S ALL... YEAH...


YAYOI-CHAN IS A BOY, BUT GIRLS LIKE BOYS, BUT EVEN THOUGH I'M A GIRL, I STILL HAVE A BOY'S HEART...
ECCHI FEELINGS...? ARE THEY AS A GIRL OR AS A BOY?

HUH?

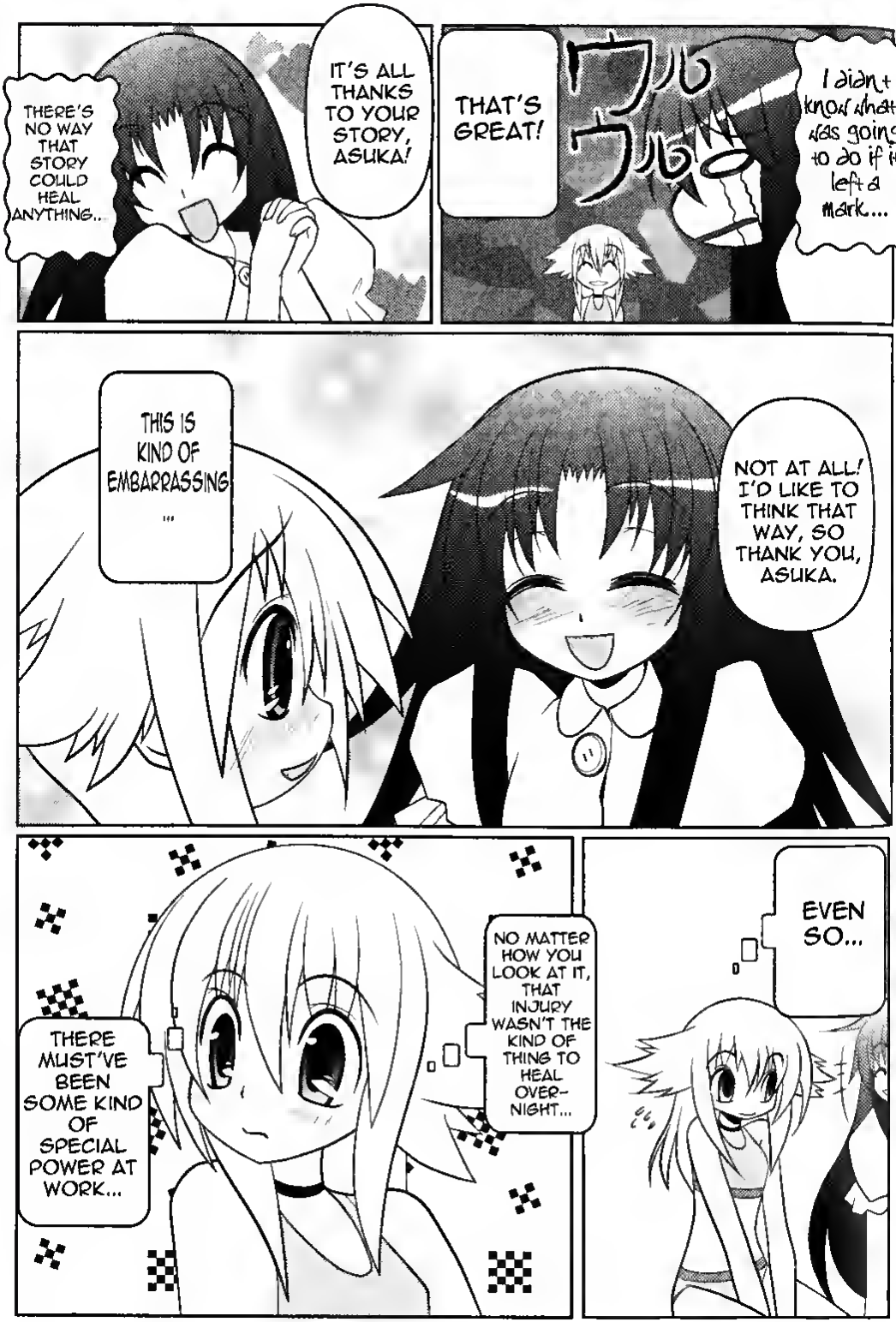
WHAT IF I'M STARTING TO TURN INTO A GIRL AT HEART TOO...
WHAT IS THIS... I'VE ONLY JUST BECOME A GIRL, BUT I ALREADY CAN'T TELL WHICH GENDER MY FEELINGS ARE FROM ANYMORE...


I HAVE TO CONFIRM IT FOR MYSELF...
DOKI!
DOKI!
THAT'S IT!
YAYOI-CHAN AS A GIRL, OR YAYOI-CHAN AS A BOY?
WHICH IS IT, MAKING MY HEART POUND?
DOKI!
DOKI!
"PHEW" THE FACT THAT I'M DISAPPOINTED MUST MEAN I'M STILL A BOY AT HEART
PEAK!


NNN ....
I'M DOOOOOOOOMED!
THAT JUST TOOK 10 YEARS OFF MY LIFE...
UN... NNN... NN...

BEFORE HE WAKES UP I NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT HIS CLOTHES...
SORRY YAYOI-CHAN, FOR DOING SOMETHING SO WEIRD TO YOU...
ASUKA... GOOD... MORNING ...
I NEED TO HURRY UP AND GET MY THINGS SO I CAN MOVE INTO MY OWN ROOM!..
NN...
THIS IS BAD!! I HAVE TO DISTRACT HIM SOMEHOW!!!
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

IF HE FIGURES OUT I WAS TOUCHING HIM...
NN ?!
EH ?
YAYOI-CHAN! YOUR BRUISE FROM YESTERDAY IS HEALED!
IT'S TRUE !!
OH MY!


THERE'S NO WAY THAT STORY COULD HEAL ANYTHING...
IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOUR STORY, ASUKA!
THAT'S GREAT!
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I didn't know what I was going to do if it left a mark....
THIS IS KIND OF EMBARRASSING ...
NOT AT ALL! I'D LIKE TO THINK THAT WAY, SO THANK YOU, ASUKA.
THERE MUST'VE BEEN SOME KIND OF SPECIAL POWER AT WORK...
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, THAT INJURY WASN'T THE KIND OF THING TO HEAL OVER-NIGHT...
EVEN SO...

I'M SUPPOSED TO TRANSFER TO MY NEW SCHOOL AS A BOY! THERE'S NO WAY I CAN GO AS A GIRL!!!
AH ...
WELL THEN, SINCE MY FACE IS HEALED, I'M ALL FIRED UP TO GET READY FOR SCHOOL!
UUH ..
IF YOU GO OUT ON A WEEKDAY YOU'LL GET IN TROUBLE.
YOU CAN'T JUST SKIP SCHOOL ...
I HAVE NO CHOICE... I'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE A BREAK FROM SCHOOL WHILE I LOOK FOR THE MAGE
THAT'S DEFINITELY A PROBLEM.
Hmm
ERR ...
AHH I SEE! SINCE I'M A GIRL IT'D BE PERFECT!
WE'LL KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!
AND SINCE THE SCHOOL IS NEAR ALL THE POINTS WHERE THE MAGE HAS BEEN SIGHTED, WE CAN SEARCH AND STILL GO TO SCHOOL!
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WHY NOT TRANSFER TO MY SCHOOL? ♥
I HAVE AN IDEA!

GO TO A GIRLS' SCHOOL?!
THERE ARE A LOT OF CUTE GIRLS JUST LIKE YOU THERE, ASUKA! IT'S ABSOLUTELY PERFECT FOR YOU!
GRIN ...
GRIN ?!
THAT STILL WON'T WORK, ALL OF MY RECORDS AND I.D. PAPERS SAY I'M A BOY!
NYEHEHE... HAVEN'T YOU REALIZED THAT "I'M" ALREADY IN A GIRLS' SCHOOL?
HEHH... COME TO THINK OF IT, HOW'D YOU PULL THAT OFF?
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING. THE DETAILS HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF!
HELLO MOTHER-DEAR?
IT'S ME- ACTUALLY, I HAVE A FEW THINGS TO DISCUSS...
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EH ?!
SFX: "ZAWA ZAWA" (PEOPLE WHISPERING)
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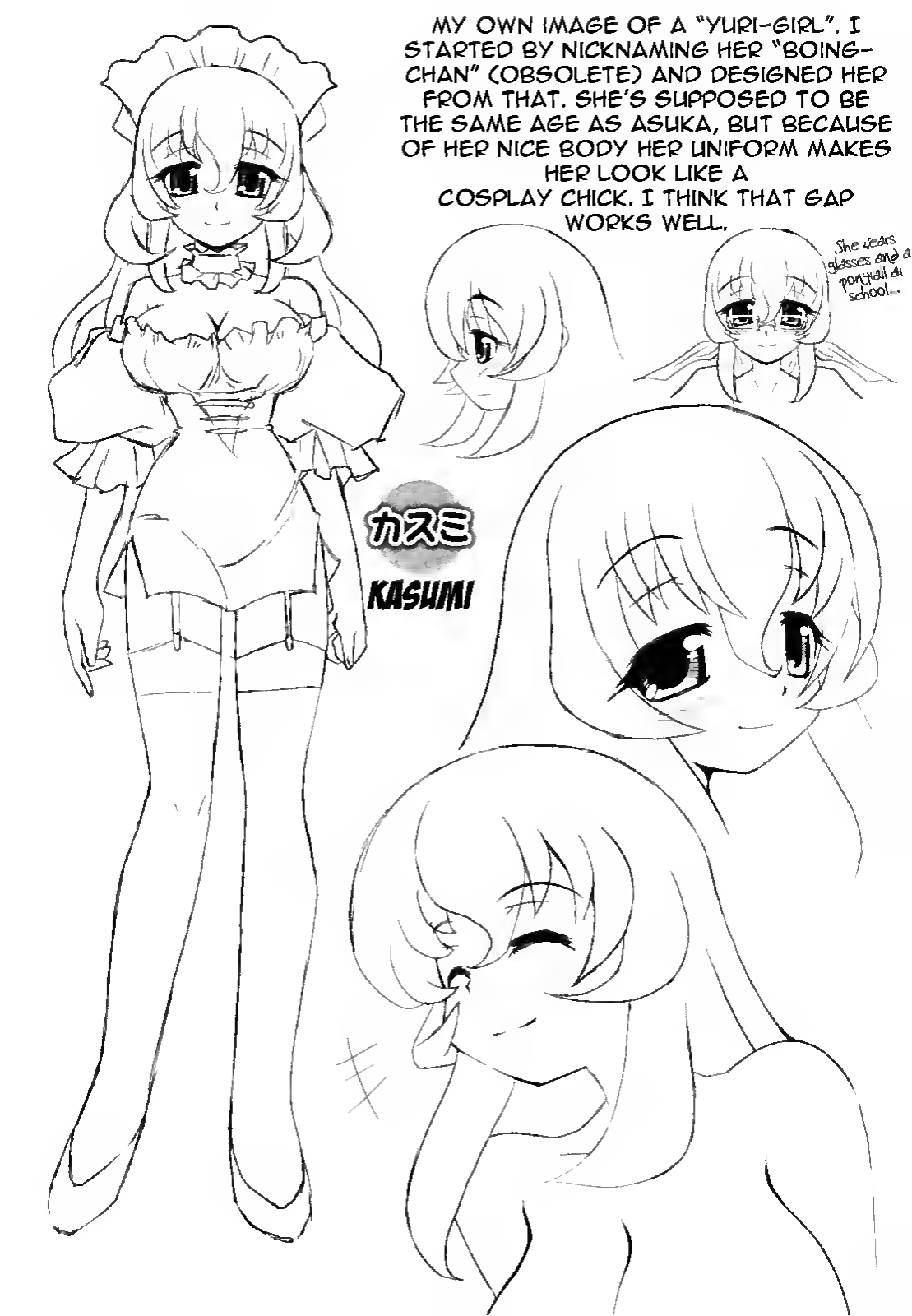
HA—!
SO FROM TODAY ON THIS IS OUR NEW TRANSFER STUDENT, ASUKA
EVERYONE BE SURE TO TREAT HER WELL.
THIS MUST BE SOME KIND OF MISTAKE!!
WHAT? THIS SITUATION...

CHARACTER DESIGN STORIES

IN DESIGNING ASUKA, I MADE HIS HANDS LIKE WINGS. I WANTED SOMETHING LIKE A NEKO-MIMI (CAT EARS) FOR HIS HAIR, BUT MADE IT THE OPPOSITE, HAVING THE "EARS" FOLD DOWN. I TRIED TO DESIGN HIS FIGURE TO LOOK YOUNG FOR ITS AGE, WHILE NOT MAKING HIM LOOK TOO YOUNG.


MY OWN IMAGE OF A "YURI-GIRL". I STARTED BY NICKNAMING HER "BOING-CHAN" (OBSOLETE) AND DESIGNED HER FROM THAT. SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE SAME AGE AS ASUKA, BUT BECAUSE OF HER NICE BODY HER UNIFORM MAKES HER LOOK LIKE A COSPLAY CHICK. I THINK THAT GAP WORKS WELL.
She wears glasses and a ponytail at school...
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KASUMI

AS THE "CLASS ONEECHAN" CHARACTER, I DESIGNED HER STARTING FROM HER "ACTIVE" HAIRSTYLE. SHE'S THE EXACT POLAR OPPOSITE OF ASUKA IN TERMS OF SOCIABILITY, AND SHE HAS AN EYE FOR TAKING CARE OF OTHERS ... WHAT DO YOU THINK?
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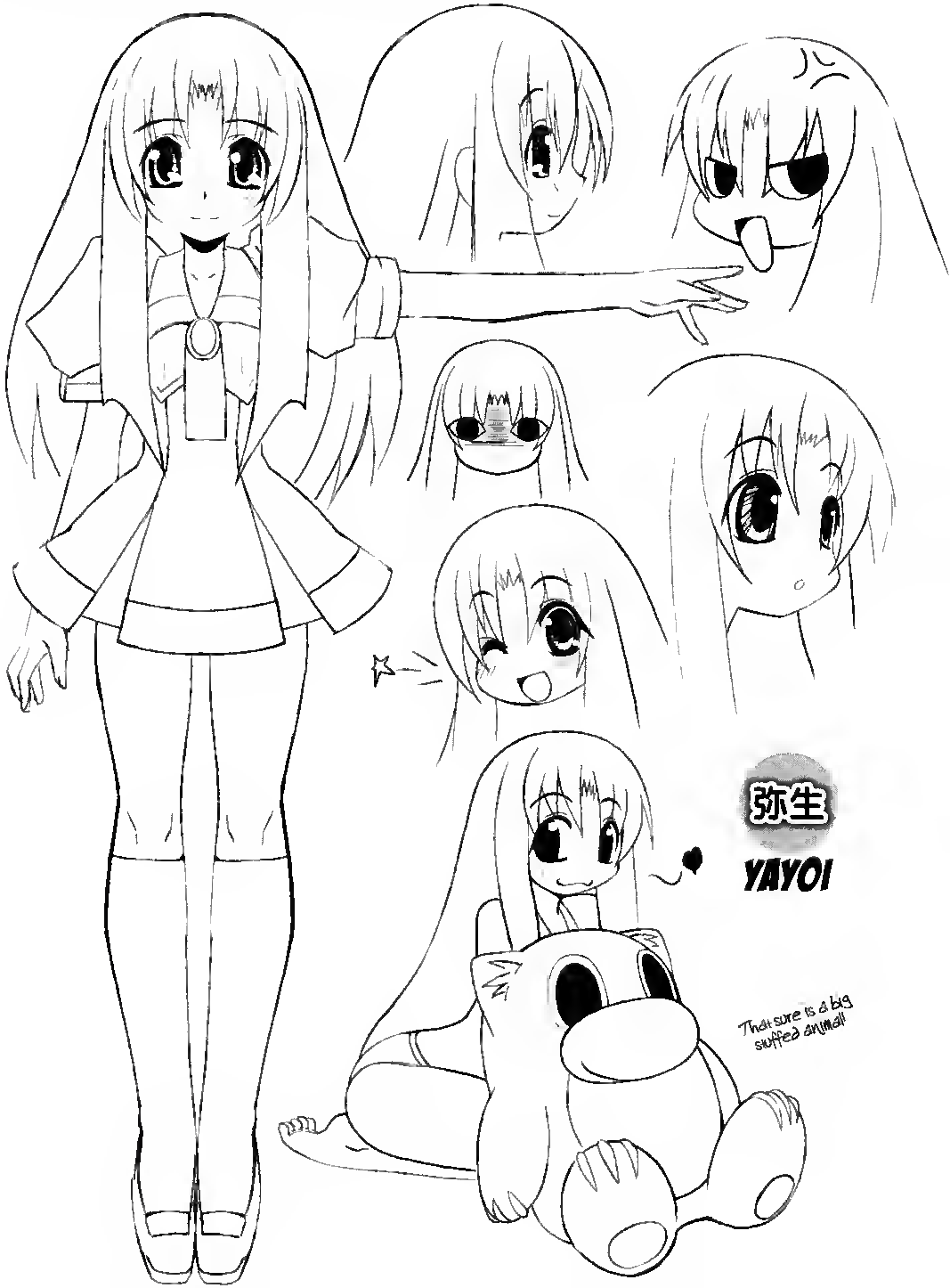
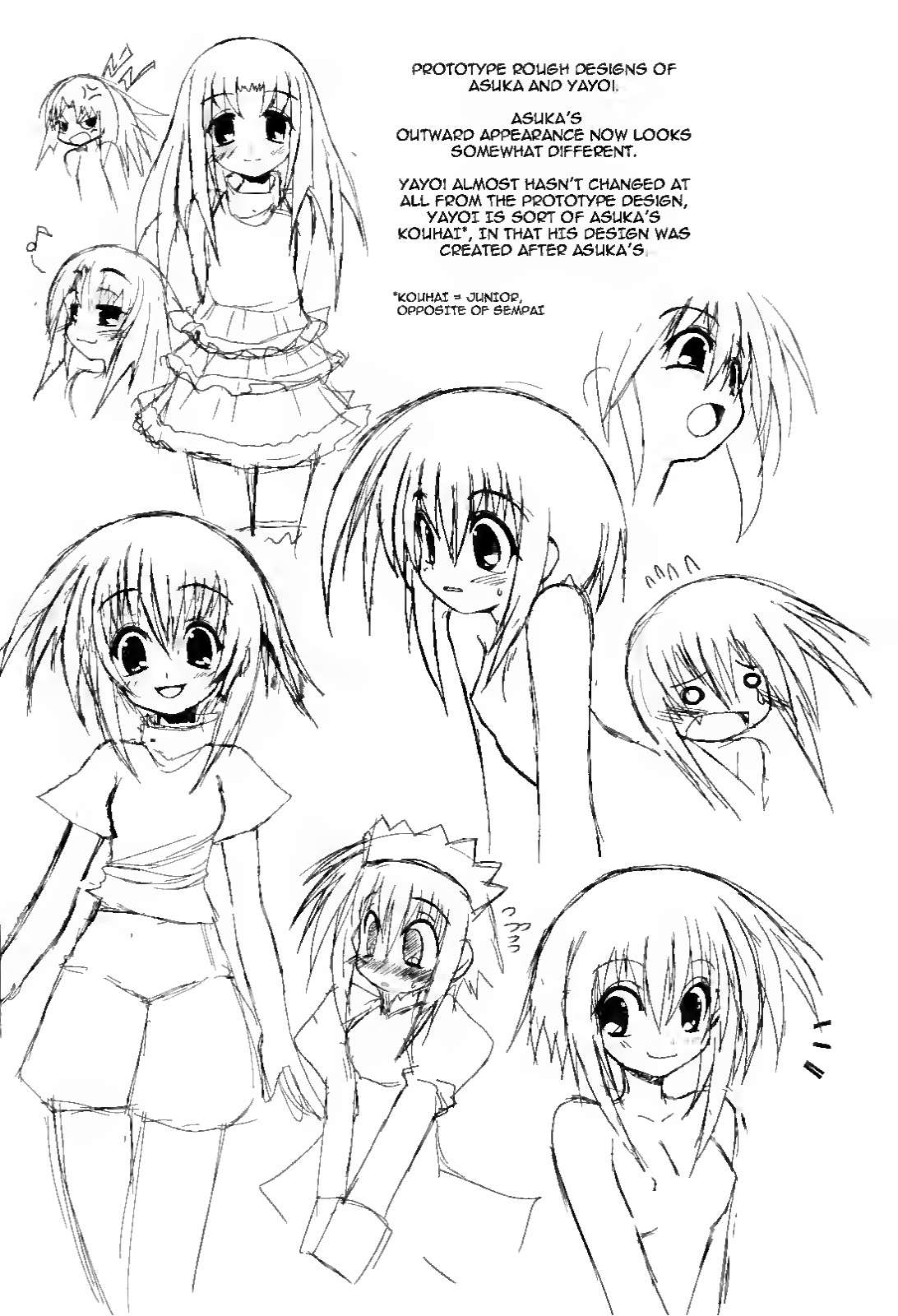
YAYOI'S CREATION SIMPLY CAME FROM THE PHILOSOPHY: "BOY." I DESIGNED HIM WITH ONLY THAT IN MIND. HE SURE IS CUTE! ♥



Other characters
Asuka's nose is rounded.
Cover
Loose bra..



PROTOTYPE ROUGH DESIGNS OF ASUKA AND YAYOI.

ASUKA'S OUTWARD APPEARANCE NOW LOOKS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT.

YAYOI ALMOST HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL FROM THE PROTOTYPE DESIGN, YAYOI IS SORT OF ASUKA'S KOUHAI*, IN THAT HIS DESIGN WAS CREATED AFTER ASUKA'S.

*KOUHAI = JUNIOR, OPPOSITE OF SEMPAI

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